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SOCIETY
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**ALEXANDER THOMSON STUDY CENTRE
IN CALEDONIA ROAD CHURCH, GORBALS, GLASGOW**

Earlier this year the Society was successful in a funding bid to Glasgow City Council enabling the project to progress further. Grants of £20,000 were approved from the South East Area Committee (£10,000) and Development and Regeneration Services. (£10,000).

This funding is to progress a photographic building survey, a specialist stonework survey, and the next phase of project development work. It is envisaged that these three elements of work will be completed by late autumn 2008, and it is hoped that the next phase of funding that will be sought will allow the design team to progress preparation and submission of a full Planning Application.

Glasgow City Council has been carrying out an annual removal of weeds from both the courtyard and at different levels of the stonework.

Name for the Alexander Thomson Study Centre –

I D E A S C O M P E T I T I O N

**Name for the Alexander Thomson Study Centre
we are looking for a NEW NAME for the 'NEW HOME'**

The former Caledonia Road Church, now located in Cathcart Road and Hospital Street in the Gorbals is primarily going to be The Alexander Thomson Study Centre.

The building will contain the following spaces:-

- Study Centre with exhibitions and archive
- Caledonia Road Church gallery
- International gallery
- Café bar
- Special events space
- ATS office
- ATS studio workshop and store
- Studio space for rent
- Private apartments for rent
- Courtyard

If you have any ideas for a new name or if you have any questions about this proposal or would like to know more, please contact the Secretary, Sally White either at 8 Hampden Terrace, Glasgow G42 9XQ or email her at sallywhite10@hotmail.com.



The M74 dig aimed to unearth, preserve and record some of the previously undiscovered history of Glasgow and the surrounding region. Archaeologists from Headland Archaeology Ltd./Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd. have investigated a number of sites along the proposed route of the M74 completion.

Since July 2007, archaeologists have been excavating a group of demolished 19th century tenements in South Laurieston, between Pollokshaws Road and Eglinton Street. The dig has

revealed previously unknown information about the use of different buildings, rooms and back lots, and the type and quality of sanitation.

On display in Scotland Street School Museum, Scotland Street, Glasgow, were pieces of architectural plaster-work from Thomson's Queen's Park Terrace tenements, which were demolished in 1980. The pieces include plaster ceiling roses, cornice and cornice moulds, dated around 1857. The exhibition contained information about other areas of the dig, including Govan Ironworks and a ceramics factory in Rutherglen and was open until the end of August 2008.

ROGER GUTHRIE'S THOMSON WALKS

The programme of walks that Roger prepared for 2008 is listed on the right and again he hopes to keep this range of walks going next year. Look out for next year's list of dates and times of walks on the website in due course.

The West End Festival walks are always well attended and Doors Open Day walks of Dennistoun Conservation Area, The Glasgow Necropolis and Crosshill Conservation Area look at buildings, materials, architects and detailing. The Crosshill walk includes the Thomson tenement on Allison Street and Walmer Crescent - a Conservation Area consisting of one listed building - a new event for last year and repeated again this year.

The Cove and Kilcreggan Walk this year is on 27th September 2008 and this walk featured in the last newsletter. Please book in advance - £5 per person.

BOOK FOR Cove and Kilcreggan 27th September 2008 - send a cheque to The Alexander Thomson Society

7 Walmer Crescent Glasgow G51 1AT

GUIDED WALKS 2008

ALEXANDER THOMSON - WEST END

ALEXANDER THOMSON - CITY CENTRE

ALEXANDER THOMSON - SOUTH SIDE

CAST IRON

DENNISTOUN CONSERVATION AREA

CROSSHILL CONSERVATION AREA

PARK CONSERVATION AREA

GLASGOW NECROPOLIS

CATHCART CEMETERY

EGYPTIAN HALLS

The Egyptian Halls, designed by Alexander Thomson in 1853, will now begin its long overdue return to both architectural preservation and commercial sustainability - when the envisaged £5M 1st stage of an envisaged £6.5M refurbishment project proceeds to tender in November 2008. The project will move to onsite status May/June 2009, and subsequent to this an 18-month project timeline is predicted with a completion date of December 2010. The 2nd stage fitting out will begin March 2010 and by Christmas 2010 it is hoped that this architectural masterpiece and integral part of Glasgow's cultural heritage we hope will be both preserved and returned to commercial sustainability.

Tender Process - September 2008 - May/June 2009

On site - 1st Stage May/June 2009 - April 2010

On site - 2nd Stage April 2010 - December 2010

60 STEPS

PRESERVATION TRUST

The main ongoing activity of the Trust to date this year has been to assemble information about the ownership of residential properties together with the necessary legal details required to enable the transfer of ownership of the Steps and associated structure from the owners of the flats to the Trust, in order to enable the next stage of seeking funding partners.

This process has proved quite lengthy and time consuming, particularly in the case of absentee landlords.

ST VINCENT STREET CHURCH

Glasgow City Council has allocated £1m towards the repair and conservation of this Alexander Thomson building within their ownership. Page/Park architects are preparing proposals and specification for the works, which will incorporate essential repairs to the roof. Initial feasibility work carried out in the 1990's allowed a strategy of 'top-down' repair to be developed and conservation works to the tower were completed as phase 1 in 2000. St Vincent Street Church is currently undergoing phase 2 of Repair and Conservation Work which deals with the main and side aisle roofs, proposing a change in roof-finish from slate to lead following re-assessment of the use of slate on low-pitched roofs. The three trusses in the main sanctuary will be strengthened and any necessary rot repairs carried out. New rainwater outlets will be installed to the main roof and associated cast iron downpipes hidden internally. During this contract external scaffolding will allow access to the upper levels of stonework, meaning stone repairs evident on the tower, will now be carried out around the level of the clerestory glazing. Works under this contract are valued at approximately £1.1million. Specialist conservation reports have been prepared by Gordon Urquhart and Alan Ferdinand who have been investigating the interior decorative scheme, as up to £60,000 will be contributed to the project by a charitable trust.

THE ALEXANDER THOMSON SOCIETY'S NEW WEBSITE GOES LIVE

www.greekthomson.org.uk

This website will keep you informed of updates on cases and any information on walks, lectures and the 'New Home'. At present the old website will still be linked, operational and accessible with all its information for research. This information on that site eventually will be available here on the new site and the old site will be removed. The process will be a gradual one as the volunteers on the board will be undertaking this project.

Like last year, this year's lecture series was well attended with more people than ever before. The format of refreshments and conversation prior to the talks seems very popular and encourages members to get to know one another and to be able to speak to members of the ATS board. The series ran on Wednesday evenings in the Lecture Theatre in the Glasgow School of Art from 19th March to the 9th of April, which as we know was Thomson's birthday which was duly celebrated.

Without conscious intent the underlying theme of the talks gradually emerged as loss.

The first talk was given by Dr. Evelyn Sylber, former Director of the Hunterian Museum and currently the Chair of the Charles Rennie Mackintosh Society. She described the architectural treasures to be found in Langside with particular reference to Alexander Thomson and Alexander Skirving an architect who worked for Thomson. A recently published Heritage Trail is available for those who wish to follow this fascinating route and see the buildings at first hand.

The second talk was given by Evelyn Proudfoot who is Chair of the Scottish Church Research Committee who are undertaking a complete survey of the churches in Scotland with teams of volunteers recording each building so as to amass a complete data base of invaluable information. The title of this fascinating, if not daunting undertaking is 'The Places of Worship in Scotland Project'.

Ian Gow, Curator with the National Trust for Scotland and an established author gave a harrowing account of the destruction of all too many fine Country Houses throughout Scotland. The scale, and more often than not, wanton destruction of these buildings was only made bearable by Ian's intelligent and well paced talk which described and reflected upon their fate.

Finally on Thomson's birthday it was down to me, Mark Baines to describe 'Lost Thomson'. This talk was, I hope, not as depressing as the title might have suggested. It illustrated not only the more obviously lost buildings but also attempted to interpret loss in Thomson's work and life in many different ways which were both positive and negative.

It is hoped to be able to announce next year's series at the Doors Open Day in September 2008 and again at the AGM in November 2008. It only remains to thank all those who attended and contributed questions to the speakers.

10:00 am Sunday 1st June 2008 was the moment that two of the four high rise towers in Laurieston were brought to the ground by explosives in just ten seconds. The remaining two are also to be demolished in anticipation of the redevelopment of the entire district. Whilst not relishing the demolition of buildings in general, it is perhaps ironic that they were conceived and built around the time Caledonia Road church was substantially destroyed.

Caledonia Road church will soon be the most visible landmark in this rapidly changing area of Glasgow.

Photographs – Mark Baines

AFTER



BEFORE

THE AUDSLEY BROTHERS

In our next issue we look forward to an article about William James & George Ashdown Audsley. In Issue 3 of our newsletter in January 1992 we had an article on these Scottish-born brothers, architects and experts on decoration and organ building who first moved to Liverpool, then London and finally to the United States.

Gay Acompanado recently visited London and Liverpool where she looked at local records on the Audsleys and the churches they worked on. She met the curator, Dave Moffat from the Walker Art Gallery, who helped put together an exhibit on the Audsleys in 2003. She also visited Glasgow, met with two of our committee members, Mark Baines and Roger Guthrie and visited some of the Thomson buildings.

The information found here on this trip along with her American research will be the basis of a paper on the Audsley brothers which we hope will be ready in time for our next newsletter.



Bowring Green Offices, New York City, designed 1895 by W. & G. Audsley
Photo: Gavin Stamp (1991)

The Alexander Thomson Society is a charitable unincorporated association. Our purposes, as recorded in our constitution, are to protect and promote the work of the Scottish architect Alexander "Greek" Thomson.

In the year, we have worked to ensure the longevity of the society by establishing a company limited by guarantee to take on the work of the unincorporated association thus allowing the association to take on a specific Thomson building to secure said building while protecting the interests of the members.

We were awarded a grant from Glasgow City Council to investigate the potential around Caledonia Road church. To empower the society to take the building on the committee looked to incorporate the society with Companies' House while retaining its charitable aims with the Office of Scottish Charity Regulator.

Annual activities took place as normal with the lecture series held at Glasgow School of Art, a variety of walks taking place throughout Glasgow and an exhibition of the society at St. Andrews in the Square as part of the Glasgow Doors Open Day event.

We endeavour to ensure that the society complies with the regulations of both Companies House and the Office of Scottish Charity Regulator, while meeting the aims and objectives of the society.

The society's trustees are appointed by the members at our annual general meeting, which is held in November each year. The trustees are: Mr. Kenneth Burns, Mr. Mark Baines, Ms Sally White, Ms Joanne Smith, Ms Brenda Lillicrap, Prof. Robin Webster OBE, Ms Ruth Johnston, Dr. Anne Walker, Mr. Roger Guthrie, Mr. Colin McCluskey, Ms Lesley Kerr.

The Society can be contacted at the following address:
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The accounts for the year are attached and form part of this report.

This report was approved by the trustees on 14 November 2007.

Signed, on behalf of the Trustees.

K. Burns, Chairperson
13 November 2007.
The Alexander Thomson Society
Scottish Charity Number SCO 21447

Report of the Independent Examiner.

I have examined the Trustees' report, the society's accounting records, and the receipts and Payments account and the Statement of Balances that are attached as part of this document. To the best of my knowledge and belief, and in accordance with the information and explanations given to me:

- a) The association is eligible under section 7 (1) of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 1992 to choose to have an independent examination, instead of an audit. I therefore do not express an opinion on the view given by the accounts.
- b) The Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Balances have been properly prepared from the records of the society and are in agreement with them.
- c) The Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Balances comply with the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 1992 and with the society's constitution.

Signed:

Jan E Margetts, BSc (Hons)
12 November 2007

**Draft minutes of the 17th Annual General Meeting of the Alexander Thomson Society,
held on Saturday 24th November 2007 at Victorian Bar, Tron Theatre, Glasgow**

Present: Mark Baines (Vice Chairman), Kenneth Burns (Chairman), Sally White (Secretary), Joanne Smith (Treasurer), Brian C Johnston, Ruth E Johnston, Robin Webster, Brenda Lilliecrap (Membership Secretary), Norman MacGilvray, George Gardner, Anne McNicol, Richard Tinker, James H. Smith, Hazel Smith, Stella Ward, David Ward, W Haines, Sheila Gailley, May Macdonald, Alistair Macdonald, Mae Stephen, Douglas Clar, Norrie Muir, Margaret Paxton, Roger Guthrie, Gail Harrington, Michael Harrington, David R Ward, Iain Forbes, Evelyn Silber, Alastair Harper, R Clow, John Stuart, P M McNeill, FBR Forrest, Mabel Waddell, G L McCorkindale, Ronnie McLean, Lesley Kerr, J Dobbie, A Sharp, K McDermott, Ronald McLean, James Sheffield, John C Bindley, Sheila K Bradley, Christine McLean (47)

1. Apologies - The following apologies were received by the secretary prior to the meeting: May Hoy, Anne Walker, Mrs. Balchin, Robert Crozier, Joyce Galpin, Mr. Love, Brian Reed, William Sanger, John Veazy, Patricia Douglas, Isobel Millar, Norman Cohen, Iain McGlashan, Peter Ratzer, Colin McKellar, Sir William McAlpine, Agnes Mulholland, Pam Painter, Robin Painter, Iain Paterson, Alison Buchanan, Murray Marr, Mark Charlwood, Andor Gomme, Mrs. McKenzie, Jeffrey Kerr, Eddie McGuire, A Clowes, Richard Meir, John Knight, Mrs Waterton, Pamela Robertson, John Gerrard, Dr. Bingham, Brian Lambie, Prof.

James Steven Curl, Annie Dal'Santo, Alison Cowey, Duncan Hutchison, Peter Kerr, Miss Cruft, Roy Patten, Mrs. Sleigh, Joyce McKnight. (44) There were no further apologies submitted from those in attendance.

2. Minutes of the 16th Annual General Meeting Kenneth presented the minutes of the 16th AGM and asked if there were any questions or correction to be made. There were none given. The proposal to accept the minutes was given by Kenneth Burns and seconded by John Stewart.

3. Hon. Chairman's report 2007 has been a busy year for the committee of the society especially, Sally, Mark and Joanne who have done a tremendous amount of work in the Caledonia Road Church project and the status of the organisation.

The lecture series, which included a film, was very well attended. Kenneth was invited to provide his views on the Egyptian Halls for STV news. We had an exhibition stand at St. Andrew's in the Square as part of the annual Doors Open Day event in September, over the two days there were lots of visitors and new members joining! This was along with two of the committee also leading walking tours as part of the weekend long event. Because of the work involved in the setting up and manning of the exhibition stand and the walks we were unable to hold a social event as per usual. To remedy this it was decided to see if holding the AGM on a Saturday would be success-

ful. Comments have been received over the years that travelling to Glasgow on cold and often wintry nights in November can be difficult. With the wonderful turn out today, weekend meeting may be the way forward. It also gives you the opportunity to start your Christmas shopping!

4. Hon. Vice Chairman's Report

Mark reported on 5 cases:

Egyptian Halls: A land tribunal is still underway regarding the ownership of the building. This is hoped to conclude in 2008.

St. Vincent Street Church: The charitable trust established to find an end user to the building have succeeded in raising £60,000 towards the internal decoration of the main building. Meanwhile Page and Park Architects are undertaking the refurbishment of the exterior and roof repairs; this is being funded by £1million for Glasgow City Council.

60 Steps Preservation Trust: Progress is steady, however not all owners of the tenement to which the stairs are linked and therefore owned by are accepting responsibility. A Feasibility Study on the repair and consolidation of the steps is underway.

Eton Terrace: Robert Lorimer Associates are undertaking a repair to the façade.

Walmer Crescent Association: This year saw the 150 anniversary of the building, Nicola Sturgeon, MSP, planted a tree within the gardens. Applications are in process

to address the building fabric and streetscape.

5. Hon. Treasurer's Report

Joanne took the members through the accounts highlighting:

Royalties

The Society receives royalties on the sale of the Alexander Thomson Lecture notes. There has been nothing received for a couple of years now due to there having been no rerun of the edition, thus no sales to distributors.

Donations

In the year 2006 the society made a donation to the 60 Steps Preservation Trust, unfortunately the cheque was not cashed and has been reinstated with the Society accounts as a donation. A subsequent cheque has been released and banked and is shown under expenditure as a donation to a voluntary organisation.

Transfer from Saving

This was the grant being brought back in to the current account to cover the costs associated with the Caledonia road church project. This has been transferred to the saving account at the time of receipt to ensure its safekeeping, this can be seen under expenditure as transfer to savings.

Administration & Governance

In previous years one category has appeared for committee running costs and expenses. However in light of the regulations from Office of Scottish Charity Regulator and in preparation for complying with the Statement of Recommended Practice (know as

SORP) for charitable companies and entry has been make to distinguish Governance issues. This would include any fees for legal or accounting advice, expenditure for any AGM or SGMs. Administration will remain as being the running costs for the committee and any out of pocket expenses incurred.

In preparing these accounts the figure for administration in 2006 was examined and deemed not to contain anything pertaining to governance.

Promotion

This is a new entry this year and covers the website redesign and upgrading.

Newsletter production has not appeared in these accounts but will in the next set.

The deficit for the year can be allocated to the Caledonian Road Church project whereby the Society match funded the Glasgow City Council grant to the tune of £5,000. Of which £4,431.79 was expended by committee members overseeing the production and contribution to the report.

Joanne invited questions from the members:

Q: Should we be asking for an entrance fee to lectures rather than a donation, this would ensure that there was no deficit in holding such events?

A: There is a VAT issue around charging a fee for such events as it would be seen as providing a service. There is also the issue that entrance to such events for

members is part of the benefit of being a member. It was agreed that admission to the lectures should be free to members, as we were restricted by our charitable status from charging members. It was confirmed that anyone could make a donation, as some members had done in the past. It was suggested that visitors be asked to make a donation.

It was suggested that we may also have a book stall at the lectures, perhaps including past newsletters.

It was proposed that the committee should discuss the options available at the next committee meeting, and decide what action, if any, would be appropriate to take.

Proposer to accept the Treasurer's Report

Lesley Kerr Seconded by Ian Forbes.

6. Hon. Secretary's Report

Sally reiterated that it had been a busy year for the Society. Various walks throughout the city had taken place, one in association with Carte Blanche to the Cathcart Cemetery and a splendid day trip to Cove and Kilgreggan led by Roger. Ruth Johnston has some wonderful pictures from the walks, many of which appear in the current newsletter, very encouraging comments have been received from members on the new look and our thanks to Ruth for her work on the newsletter.

The 2008 lecture series is moving to March as the weather should be

more favourable to encourage attendance. The full programme is still to be confirmed but to date Ian Gow and Mark Baines will speak on Lost/Forgotten Properties and Gillespie Kidd & Coia respectively.

As mentioned by Kenneth the society has had a bigger involvement with Doors Open Day this year, indeed we have been asked to increase this involvement with exhibitions and bus tours. Watch this space!

Membership of the Society continues to fluctuate; members are encouraged to consider promoting the society to friends or indeed give a year's membership as a Christmas present! We all need to do our bit to encourage more members.

The website was a concern to members at the last AGM and the committee were charged with addressing this. Thankfully this is now underway, a lot of work has been done on this by Ruth and Robin, and it has been a frustrating process because to the way websites are protected from fraudsters but thankfully a new website is now in development.

7. Elections Kenneth introduced this item then handed over to Joanne.

Joanne stated that all the committee members were eligible for re-election and to ensure clarity during the transition from the unincorporated to the incorporated society Joanne tabled to motion

that the committee be elected to remain in post until the transfer was completed. These committee members would be invited to become directors/trustees of the incorporated society in due course. The opportunity to become a member of the board would be open to the membership in due course.

Proposer to re-elect all members and officers of the ATS committee, excepting the chairman.

Proposer

Sally White and Seconded by Mabel Waddell

8. "A New Home" for the Alexander Thomson Society

The proposal from Mark & Sally on an end use for Caledonia Road church has progressed significantly. We need a new home for the artefacts we have accumulated over the years and the people of Glasgow, indeed Scotland and its visitors have a right to see these.

The proposals has been developed to provide a resource but also to be self sustaining. The proposals have been transferred to display boards which are displayed around the room; a model of the proposal has also been made.

A project team is being established and will be lead by Ghomi Baines Architects. The remit of the team will be submitted to Glasgow City Council with the planning applications due to be lodged in 2008.

The main issues are to preserve the stonework and make a vibrant building akin to the Queens Cross

Church (home to the CRM Society). The proposals also tie in with the regeneration of the Gorbals/Hutcheson/Lauriston area.

Various contacts have been made with organisation working in the area for example, Gorbals Environmental Trust, Glasgow City Council, community groups and potential funders.

Q: Why not full restoration of the building?

A: This could still be possible however this would be very costly and consideration would have to be given as to where to stop the restoration, one of the major features of the building as it originally stood was the vista of tenements leading into the city centre. By limiting the intervention the building remains unique.

Q: Can we buy it for £1, and can we form as a Building Preservation Trust?

A: Discussion is still under way with Glasgow City Council over the process of restoration. Many funders would prefer the building to be in the ownership of the society for the restoration process and the end use. (This was one of the major factors in considering the legal status of the society and ensuring the safety of the membership and office bearers). The memorandum and articles are not dissimilar to those of a building preservation trust. Indeed discussion have taken place regarding appointing a building preservation trust to project manage the work. This would not take any control away from the society as the build-

ing preservation trust would be appointed by the society but would bring an expertise in project management across many contractors and funders which the society do not have the capacity to do without employing a dedicated member of staff to oversee the project.

The chair of the CRM Society, gave great encouragement to the society for its work to date and for the future. She was very pleased to hear of the development. The CRM Society went down the same route to secure the tenure and management of Queens' Cross Church. Kenneth thanked everyone for

attending and for the challenging questions put to the committee. Kenneth wished everyone a safe journey and closed the meeting

Minutes taken by
Joanne B Smith
& Sally White

December 2007

The Alexander Thomson Society SCO21447 Statement of Income & Expenditure Account 1 Nov 2006 to 31 Oct 2007

| INCOME | NOTES | 2007 | 2006 |
|---------------------------|-------|------------------|------------------|
| Subscriptions | | 3,485.00 | 3,020.00 |
| Sale of Goods | 1 | 24.00 | 477.30 |
| Royalties | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Donations | 2 | 750.00 | 100.00 |
| Transferred from Savings | | 5,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Bank Interest | 3 | 112.10 | 96.61 |
| Lectures/Events | 4 | 40.70 | 120.00 |
| Gift Aid | 5 | 960.54 | 0.00 |
| Grant | 6 | 0.00 | 5,000.00 |
| TOTAL | | 10,372.34 | 8,813.91 |
| EXPENDITURE | NOTES | 2007 | 2006 |
| Subscriptions | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Administration | 7 | 472.30 | 1,175.99 |
| Governance | 8 | 397.88 | 0.00 |
| Cost of Goods | 9 | 0.00 | 13.00 |
| Promotion | 10 | 1,377.50 | 0.00 |
| Project Expenditure | 11 | 6,285.38 | 0.00 |
| Lectures/Events | 12 | 511.14 | 690.52 |
| Transferred to Savings | 13 | 5,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 14 | 9.93 | 52.50 |
| Donation to Voluntary Org | 15 | 750.00 | 1,500.00 |
| TOTAL | | 14,804.13 | 5,432.01 |
| Profit/(Deficit) | | -4,431.79 | 3,381.90 |
| Assets | | | |
| Premier Account | | 7,281.49 | 7,178.54 |
| Current Account | | 3,386.64 | 7,818.43 |
| TOTAL | | 10,668.13 | 14,996.97 |

Notes on Statement of Income and Expenditure Account SCO21447 1 November 2006 to 31 October 2007

1. Books, Videos & Calendar
2. General Donations & unclaimed expenses
3. Current account only
4. Winter Lectures, Summer Walks and Member Events.
5. 0607 claim pending
6. There was no grant income in this financial year.
7. Newsletter, Venue Hire, Committee Expenses
8. Governance costs relating to EGM/AGM and legal advice.
9. Calendar and promotional postcards.
11. All expenditure against the Glasgow City Council grant award.
12. Winter Lectures, Summer Walks and Member Events.
13. Transfer of grant from savings to cover outgoing costs.
14. Made up of stationery and printing costs.
15. Donation to the 60 Steps Preservation Trust.

THE
ALEXANDER THOMSON
SOCIETY

Founded in 1991 to promote the life and works of Alexander 'Greek' Thomson (1817-1875)

Patrons of the Society:

**The Earl of Glasgow
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Professor Andrew McMillan**

Chairman: Kenneth Burns

Vice Chairman: Mark Baines

Hon Secretary: Sally White

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Membership Secretary: Brenda Lillicrap

Members of the committee:

**Roger Guthrie, Ruth Johnston,
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Robin Webster, Lesley Kerr,
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M E M B E R S O F F E R S

VIDEO

Murray Grigor's video 'NINEVEH ON THE CLYDE, THE ARCHITECTURE OF ALEXANDER 'GREEK' THOMSON' The 55 minute video includes additional footage not seen in its original television showing. The video is available in VHS (also NTSC format for US viewers). The Video is available to Society members at a special price of £12.00, incl P&P.

BOOKS

In 'THE LIGHT OF TRUTH AND BEAUTY', Alexander Thomson's public lectures are brought together in a single volume. They reveal him as a powerful and eloquent speaker, and confirm that not only was he one of the most original architects of his time, but also that his was one of the greatest minds in Scottish architecture.

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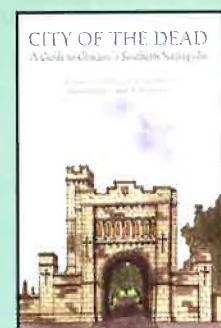
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**GLASGOW NECROPOLIS
AFTERLIVES Tales of Interments**

In 'AFTERLIVES' by Ruth Johnston she tells some of the inspiring and sad stories which relate to the monuments and photographed over 150 of them erected to the memory of major players in the formation of Glasgow during its time as the 'Second City of the Empire.' including the architects and sculptors who were inspired to create some of the beautiful monuments in this garden cemetery: Alexander 'Greek' Thomson, J T Rochead, David Hamilton, John Bryce, Charles Wilson and Charles Rennie Mackintosh, Full colour throughout Paperback 160pp 105 x 297 £8.00 P&P(UK) £1.00 To order Tel 0141 554 7207 ruth.johnston@virgin.net



CITY OF THE DEAD - A GUIDE TO THE SOUTHERN NECROPOLIS

This newly published book by the South Glasgow Heritage Environment Trust (SGHET) is now available to order. Please write to The Secretary, ATS 7 Walmer Crescent Glasgow or email sallywhite10@hotmail.com and your order will be forwarded to SGHET.
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